Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100 Cultural Resources Work Group June 2004 Update

This update of activities conducted during June 2004 is provided in lieu of the June Cultural Resources Work Group meeting.

Study Plan C-1 Update

The public version of the Archaeological Inventory Report is going through its final revisions and the report will be distributed to the stakeholders at the July 2004 CRWG meeting. The confidential Ethnographic Inventory Report will be distributed to the appropriate agencies and the Tribes by the middle of July.

Revisions to the confidential version of the Archaeological Inventory Report are underway. It is anticipated that this report will be finalized by the end of summer.

Study Plan C-2 Update

The historic-era site evaluation program was very active during the month of June. Work was conducted at mining sites in the Loafer Creek area and several trails were evaluated along the North Fork and Middle Fork. In addition, a bee hive oven site on the North Fork was studied and work at several homesteads in the Thermalito area was completed. Individual site evaluation reports are being prepared for all resources that have been investigated under Study Plan C-2.

A draft report on the evaluation of the hydroelectric facility has been completed and will be distributed to the appropriate agencies during the month of July. This document has been determined to be confidential due to the sensitive nature of the engineering drawings included in the report. Evaluation of ethnographic sites also continues.

Maidu Advisory Council Update

The Maidu Advisory Council met on June 23, 2004. Steve Heipel and Adrian Praetzellis presented information pertaining to the development of the Historic Properties Management Plan to the group.

The next CRWG meeting will be held Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Mooretown Rancheria. Please note that the new time is 6 p.m. Dinner will not be provided.